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## Students in missions paint mixed picture

By Beth Harris

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Southern Baptist student involvement in domestic summer mission projects is down this year, but other phases of student mission work are up, missions leaders told the Southern Baptist Student Ministry Advisory Group.

As of May 1, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board had appointed 1,347 student summer missionaries, a six percent decrease from last summer's 1,441, Bill Berry of the HMB special mission ministries depart-

ment told the advisory group, which met at Southwestern Seminary here, May 20-21.

However, more than 1,300 students have participated in short-term missions through SPOTS — Special Projects Other Than Summer — teams, Berry said. These teams worked during spring break and Christmas, Thanksgiving, and end-of-school breaks.

Students also are more involved in work with the Southern Baptist

Foreign Mission Board, said Helen Wood of the FMB student section. This year, 128 student summer and semester missionaries will work with the board, and about 70 more students will work in ministry teams in the Philippines, Thailand, and Venezuela.

Berry attributed the home missions summer slump to four factors:

— Although the overall student population is up, fewer students are in the traditional student missions age range, 18 to 23.

— Cuts in financial aid are forcing some students to spend summers working in higher-paying jobs in order to remain in school, rather than participate in missions.

— Students perceive summers differently than their predecessors did, with many seeing summers as a "time to make themselves more marketable" through career-related work.

— Sacrifice and servanthood may not be emphasized as much as it was

in the past.

Another factor in the decline might be the wide range of options open to students, including camp staff positions and church staff jobs, said Mike Robertson, also of the HMB special mission ministries department.

Nevertheless, "student giving to missions has increased, Berry said, noting, "It may be that students are giving instead of going."

Beth Harris writes for WMU, SBC.

## Larry Lewis featured on ACTS talk show

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — The new president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board says he is excited by the prospect of winning and baptizing one million people by the year 2000.

Larry L. Lewis, a featured guest on "Life Today," a Christian talk show on the ACTS television network, said it will not be easy, "but we can do it."

"God's plan for our world is to sow it down with Bible preaching, soul winning churches," he told host Jimmy R. Allen.

Lewis, became the 15th president of the Home Mission Board June 1. He had been president of Hannibal-LaGrange College.

God called and commissioned him to start new churches, Lewis said. He started 13 missions in 14 years as a pastor. In one 10-year period, while serving in Southern Baptist "pioneer" areas of Ohio and New Jersey, he led churches to begin nine new missions.

In order to reach the goal of one million baptisms by the end of this century, Lewis said Southern Baptists need to grow by at least 1,000 new churches each year. And Baptists

need to begin 1,500 new churches each year to compensate for those that fail to prosper.

The greatest opportunity for new church growth, Lewis said, is among ethnic groups. Language churches grow at a rate five times faster than Anglo churches, he added.

Asked his opinion of the moral climate of the nation, Lewis said he believes there is a "sense of spiritual awakening in America." A trend toward conservatism flies in the face of "rampant secularism" in the nation, he said.

The new Home Mission Board president said, "God holds nations responsible for the national character." The great hope for America, he said, is spiritual awakening, noting, "I want to see the fires of revival sweep this nation."

"Life Today" is produced by American Christian Television System, a service of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. It is carried on cable systems and low-power and full-power TV stations accessible to some 6.5 million nationwide.

## National WMU fills two professional positions

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Karen Windham of Douglasville, Ga., and Andrea Mullins of Casper, Wyo., have joined the professional staff of the Southern Baptist Woman's Mis-

sions Commission. Windham became circulation group manager May 26.

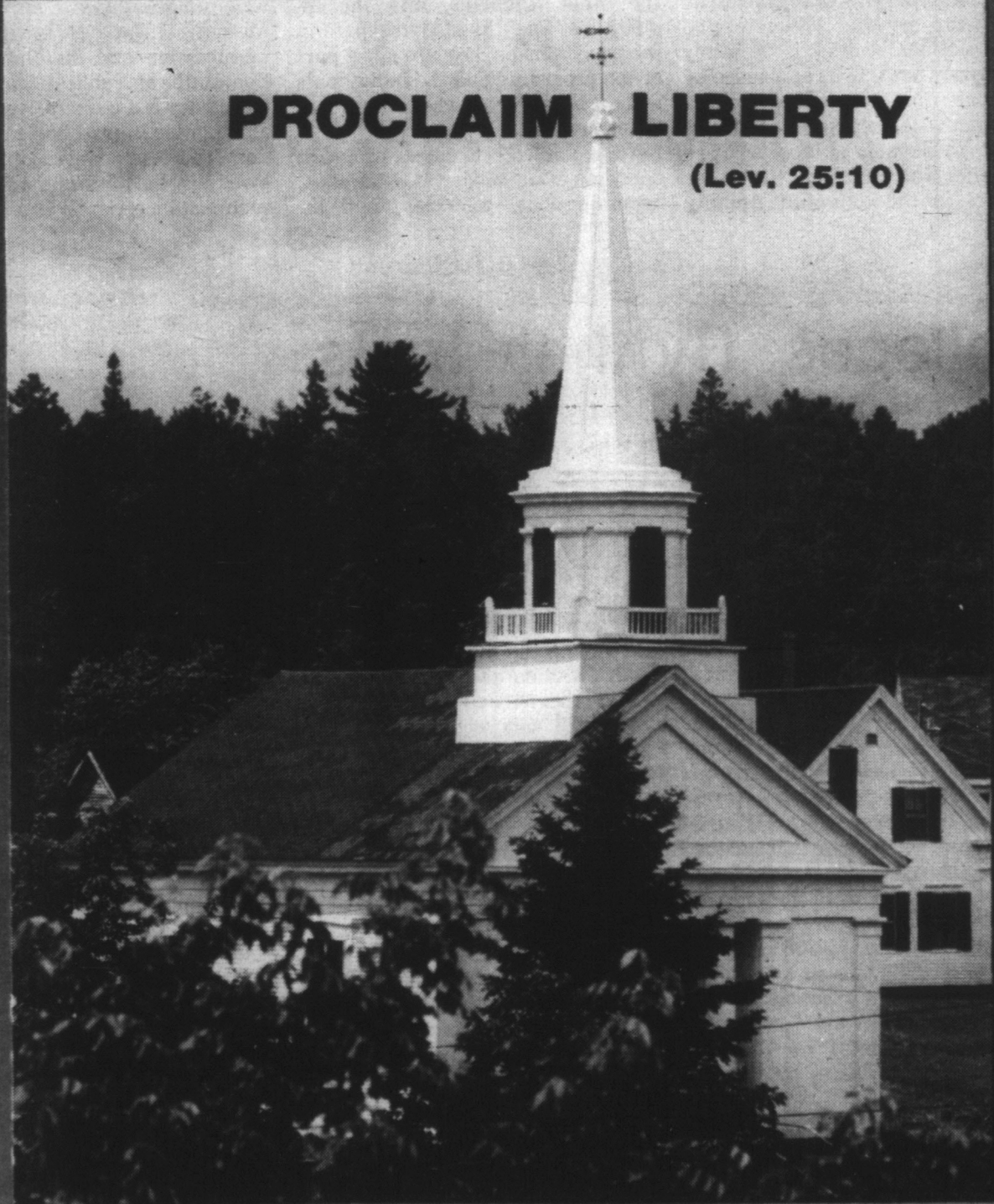
She is a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and since 1985 has worked for Arthur Anderson & Co., where she has worked in multiple

phases of financial planning, research and implementation.

Mullins will join the national WMU staff Aug. 1 as Baptist Women consultant. She succeeds Jimmie Winter, who is now promotion associate in new areas for WMU and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Mullins presently is Wyoming WMU executive director and has held various WMU positions on the church, associational and state levels.

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**Observe Christian Citizenship Sunday**  
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# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Improvement is in order

June 28 is Christian Citizenship Sunday, and it is also Annuity Board Sunday. Christian Citizenship Sunday is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission and by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The Annuity Board emphasis, of course, is sponsored by the Annuity Board.

In relation to the Christian Citizenship emphasis, it is to be noted that the quality of his citizenship is a concept that should be of concern to every Christian. The way he handles his citizenship will prove to be a witness in one way or another, whether or not he wants that to be the case.

The Christian should not try to remove himself from the world in order to display his Christianity. Surely, if his Christianity is worth anything, he can improve the world; and he needs to try to do just that. We have let others than Christians take over every aspect of our lives that is not related to our religious affiliations, and improvement is in order.

Improvement is in order, for instance, in television programming. Television is a marvelous medium with an unlimited capacity for doing good, but it is not a force for good at this time. It could be turned around,

however, not to become just a preaching medium but to be one that could be used for the good of humanity in many different ways without the negative aspects that are a part of television at this time.

The list for needed improvements would be almost endless, of course, if there were an attempt to point up all of humanity's ills that need to be met. The Baptist Record has mentioned a specific situation on two occasions recently, and that is that some kind of effort should be made to keep roadsides of our state free of litter. We are hoping that the Legislature will pass a resolution that would encourage the state's citizens to organize to adopt sections of roads and highways in order to keep them clean. If the Legislature doesn't do this, we are hoping that the state's churches will do it anyway. This is responsible Christian citizenship, and there are enough Baptist churches to make a tremendous impact on our litter-strewn roadsides.

Perhaps the point at which the quality of a person's citizenship is most noticeable is in his vote in an election. Christians should always participate in elections and do it from a Christian perspective. There is no time that Christian persuasion is more important.

We will be facing an election within

a few weeks in Mississippi. There will be no attempt to try to tell anyone how to vote. We won't all vote alike, but we should all have reason for voting as we do.

The Christian citizenship emphasis relates to Independence Day, July 4; and we need not be reminded that our nation was founded by people seeking religious freedom. Freedom of religion is a cornerstone of our democracy. Religious freedom, however, does not give us license to try to cram our own religion down the throats of others.

We need to be of such quality as Christians and of such quality as citizens that our influences would be felt without our trying to make our views mandatory.

If we can accomplish those goals, our Christianity and our citizenship will have meaning and purpose.

And surely a word needs to be said in support of the work of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board. This board is doing a marvelous job of handling funds and programs that provide income for retired church and denominational workers. Certainly that agency needs to be applauded by everyone who has retired from a Christian vocational position or who expects to and also by those who are providing the salaries for those workers, for the work of the Annuity

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Board takes a burden off of all of them.

The Annuity Board cannot do its work, however, unless it receives the financial cooperation of the churches, the other agencies, and the individuals. They must participate in the programs or they are not a part of the programs and the individuals will not be protected when retirement times comes.

An expanded retirement program goes into effect on Jan. 1. Churches, denominational agencies, and in-

dividuals need to be aware of its provisions and be ready for that program when it becomes effective.

It should be noted that Religious Liberty Sunday, which was June 7, was an emphasis of both the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The latter agency is a cooperative operation among nine Baptist bodies in the nation. The Mississippi Baptist Diary gives only the Mississippi sponsors in such instances.

## Guest opinion . . . The Mississippi Mission

### Our Baptist colleges: By their fruits

By Chester Swor

#### William Carey College

Just as Mississippi College passed through two stages of ownership before becoming a Baptist institution, William Carey College passed through two stages of identity before becoming William Carey College. Originally it was privately owned as South Mississippi College (1906) and became Mississippi Woman's College in 1911 when accepted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and bore that name until, by convention action in 1953, it became coeducational William Carey College.

Although the college is the youngest of our three senior colleges, being now in its 81st year, its fruitfulness in producing excellent leadership in a wide range of careers is positively inspiring. Even in its Woman's College years its alumnae were outstanding in education, music, church-related vocations — particularly in home and foreign missions; and though it has been a coeducational college for only 34 years, its male alumni have

achieved superlatively in both religious and secular fields. From its first years as William Carey College its graduates have achieved excellence in all phases of vocational Christian careers, in business, law, nursing, medicine, and other excellent careers of service.

This writer remembers from his elementary and high school years that there was "something special" about a teacher from the then Woman's College, and that the famed glee clubs reflected musical training of the highest quality. Now he rejoices in the nationally acclaimed Chorale and other groups from the college School of Music. William Carey's contributions to the field of education, extending now to college professorships, is significant. A special "feather in the cap" of the college is the recent election to the presidency of Ferrum College in Virginia an alumnus of William Carey's Class of 1964, Dr. Jerry Boone.

One of the inspiring William Carey graduates is Dr. Joseph M. Ernest,

III, who is professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University in North Carolina. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., of Hattiesburg. Dr. Ernest has achieved significant success in a program to reduce the infant mortality rate among the mountain people of North Carolina and Virginia. Many former students and other friends of the college will recognize that Dr. Ernest, M.D., is the son of the former vice president for academic affairs of William Carey, Dr. Joseph Ernest, Ph.D.

When asked to suggest what made his undergraduate education so special at William Carey College, Dr. Ernest quickly responded: "Definitely the on-going care given the student by faculty and staff, both in the classroom and in other settings. The word care applies to every aspect of the student's life: academic, physical, social, cultural, and spiritual. They not only show care to the student but teach him to care about others at the same time. The amazing fact is that

eight or 10 of the faculty still make inquiries as to how I am doing, even after these years have passed. Yes, I must agree with one of my fellow alumni, 'The four-letter word in William Carey is CARE!'"

Hundreds of mountain people of Appalachia can be thankful that William Carey College cares. And the hearts and voices of a multitude of former students of the college, if asked about their happiest memories of the college, would add a warm, sincere, and vigorous "Amen" to Dr. Ernest's remembrance of the caring spirit of their Alma Mater.

Our Baptist colleges not only need the endowment being sought by the Mississippi Mission, they also deserve that endowment to richly. By their fruits they are producing a steady stream of wonderfully well-prepared young men and women to bless and strengthen our world!

Chester Swor of Jackson is known throughout the world as an inspirational speaker for youth congregations as well as for all other audiences.

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# '5,000 in U.S. reach age 65 every day'

By Don McGregor

Statistics note that 5,000 people in the United States reach the age of 65 every day. Because of the death rate, the over 65 population doesn't grow that much every day, but the net rate of growth for those becoming senior adults is 1,550 people per day.

That's a net rate of growth of more than a half million new senior adults per year. Over a 10-year span, that amounts to five million more senior adults.

Age 65 is a traumatic time because

it represents a change in life styles. That is the age at which most people retire. Because it is such a traumatic time, Southern Baptists, already very much involved in ministries to senior adults, are seeking better ways of providing and handling those ministries.

The leader in this effort is a Mississippian, Horace L. Kerr, a native of Louisville. Kerr is supervisor of the Senior Adult Section of the Family Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board.

Southern Baptists are at work to

find new and better ways to minister to and to use in ministries these people who are still young and active enough to want to be useful and who have time to put their usefulness to work.

Southern Baptists have just had their first Senior Adult Convention. It exceeded all expectations in terms of attendance. More than 13,000 showed up from all over the nation. This means that there are a lot of Southern Baptists with the money it takes to do these kinds of things as well as the

time it takes to do them and the energy it takes to get them done.

Kerr told the *Baptist Record* in an interview that the convention helped to focus the attention of Southern Baptists on the situation and to make churches aware of the need for some type of ministry with senior adults. "The convention helped the denomination and the churches to see the challenge of a greater ministry to those who have special needs that they can't take care of. But providing a ministry to senior adults is more than dealing with the recipients of social services."

One of the areas where concentration is being made is in spiritual development, Kerr noted. He said that the concept has been that senior adults "have arrived," they've been in Sunday School and church all their lives, and there is no need for additional growth.

"The scripture doesn't support this," he said. Therefore, the emphasis in

senior adult work for the year 1990-91 will be in evangelism. "There are numbers of older people who need Christ," he said. "We used to think the older people became, the more thought they gave to their spiritual condition, but that is not necessarily the case."

The emphasis on evangelism for senior adults will involve using senior adults in the evangelism efforts. Senior adults will be leading the revivals.

"Churches and the denomination need to rethink their failure to be concerned about the spiritual condition of senior adults and their present emphasis on social services," Kerr declared. "The senior adults represent souls that need Christ."

Another area in which senior adult ministries is taking hold is in senior adult day care centers. This refers to situations in which senior adults who are not able to complete

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### Nobles' report shows Clarke future in doubt

By Tim Nicholas

A report to the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission from the trustees of Mississippi College indicate that the future of Clarke College is yet in doubt.

The report, given by MC President Lewis Nobles, at the regular summer meeting of the Education Commission last week at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, paints a desperate picture of financial indebtedness that will continue to escalate unless some change is made.

The report quoted an accreditation committee's report made after an April 6-9 visit to Clarke which noted that it "... RECOMMENDS that immediate steps be taken to substantially increase revenue."

The cumulative deficit for Clarke College continues to increase since a funding formula was developed which takes administrative monies from Clarke and gives them to the other three Mississippi Baptist colleges on a gradual basis. The MC report estimates the cumulative deficit is approximately \$155,973.

"If the funding formula had remain-

ed unchanged, Clarke would have received an additional \$217,475 in these years," said the report.

The MC report suggests three options: 1) "do nothing." This would likely cause the placement of Clarke on to accreditation probation, and later withdrawal of accreditation. 2) "Request that the Education Commission restore Convention funding to Clarke, essentially in accordance with the formula in existence before the merger." The merger took place in 1981 because of continued financial problems and enrollment drops at the Newton-based junior college.

The third option is to "Return Clarke to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, with disposition of it to be decided by the Convention." Nobles promised to do this at last year's Mississippi Baptist Convention prior to letting Clarke close. An attempt to have Clarke placed in private hands for use as a Bible school failed at the 1986 convention. Messengers reaffirmed their decision to leave it in the hands of Mississippi College with as

much of a separate identity as possible.

Part of that separate identity includes separate funding. This funding is also done to allow for separate accreditation. Now that accreditation is in doubt, so is the current procedure. Nobles told the *Baptist Record* he couldn't have predicted this crisis last fall, though he knew it would eventually arrive.

Education Commission members voted to hold a special called meeting in Jackson, July 6, to attempt to solve this crisis.

In other business, the Commission voted to define the term "ministerial student" for use when allocating funds through the commission. They are defined as "... those undergraduate students committed to the preaching ministry who are either licensed and/or ordained and who are affiliated with Southern Baptist churches." This should prevent numerical discrepancies between the numbers reported to the Board of Ministerial Education and those reported to the commission.

### State mission offering exceeds goal

"Mississippi Baptists have done it again! For the sixth consecutive year, the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering goal has been exceeded," says Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

When May receipts were tallied, a total of \$519,224.45 had been given to help meet state mission needs. The September, 1986-August, 1987 goal had been set at \$515,000.

Gifts beyond the original goal are designated for new missions in the state.

Earl Kelly, executive director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said, "WMU is to be congratulated for communicating prioritized mission needs in Mississippi. Mississippi Baptists are to be congratulated for their loving and sacrificial response to real need. Those who gave can be confident that every dollar will be spent on the needs included in publicity. The Cooperative Program pays all related costs of administration and personnel."

### SBC presidents meet about new commentary

NASHVILLE (BP) — A scholarly, strongly conservative viewpoint of Scriptures was recommended by six past presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention in a meeting that marked one of the first steps toward publishing a new multi-volume commentary by Broadman Press.

In the meeting at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, James W. Clark, senior vice president for publishing and distribution at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, met with Adrian P. Rogers, James T. Draper Jr., Jimmy R. Allen, James L. Sullivan, W. Wayne Dehoney, and Herschel H. Hobbs.

All former SBC presidents were invited to attend.

Topics included credentials of potential writers and consulting editors for the commentary, which is expected to have the first volume published in 1991.

The commentary was approved by trustees of the Sunday School Board in their February 1987 meeting in response to a motion made at the 1985 SBC annual meeting and referred to the board.

The trustee motion authorizing the

new commentary calls for a strong, scholarly defense of the traditional authorship of the biblical books. Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, and that writers be inerrantists.

Participants agreed by consensus that all writers and consulting editors contributing to the commentary will be Southern Baptists.

Rogers, pastor of Bellevue and president of the SBC, expressed the hope that the commentary "will not just be an intellectual exercise or another product but a tool we can use to reach people for Jesus Christ."

Clark told the presidents the board "would encourage and allow writers to express other interpretations of Scripture passages as long as the writer concludes confessionally on an inerrantist viewpoint." The presidents indicated agreement with this method of presentation. Clark expressed appreciation to the presidents for their willingness to help in the project. Each person present said he would be willing to serve on a continuing commentary advisory committee to recommend and advise Broadman in the selection of writers and consulting editors.

### Laymen are challenged to explore use of creativity in missions cause

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — Council members for the National Fellowship of Baptist Men have been challenged to explore the creativity they use in their professions for the missions cause of Christ.

The second meeting of the council this spring convened at the Southern

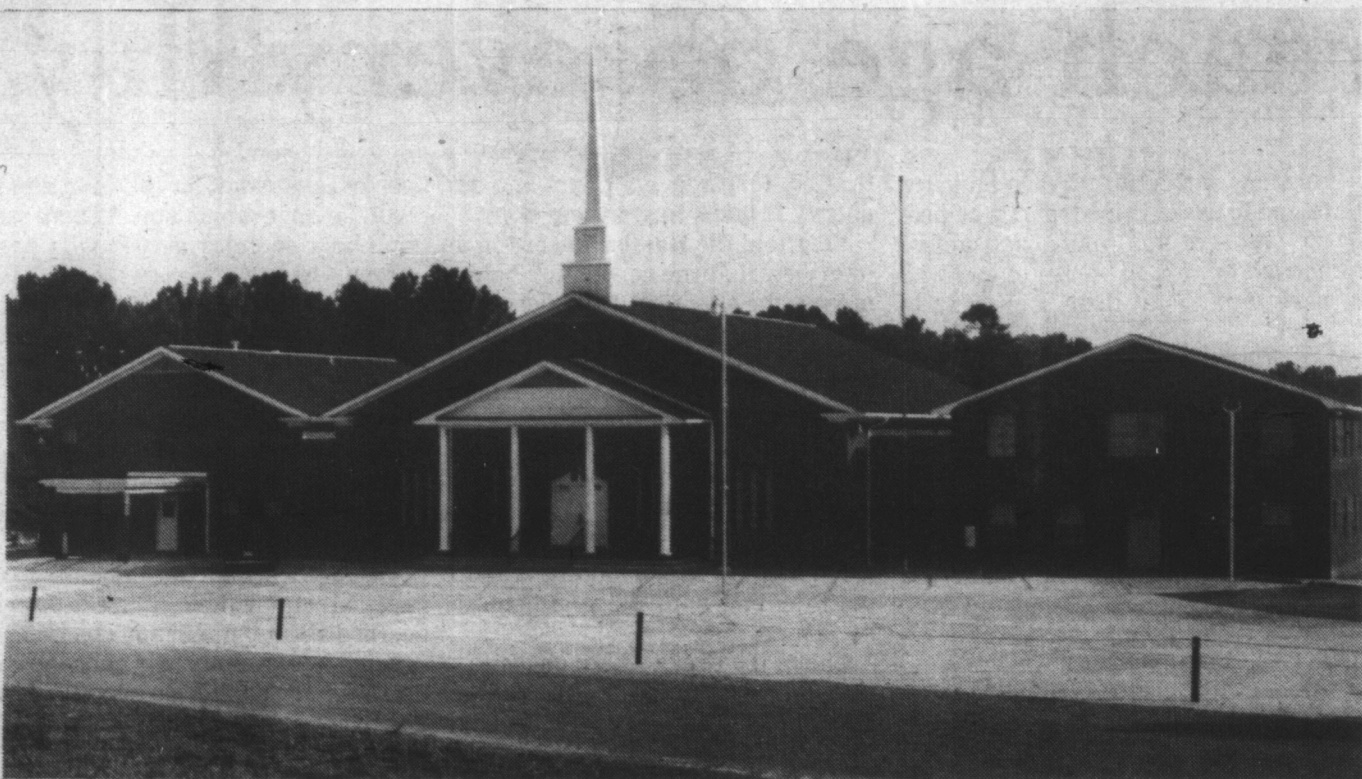
Baptist Brotherhood Commission offices in Memphis, Tenn., May 29-30.

The National Fellowship of Baptist Men is a Brotherhood organization seeking to help laypeople utilize their vocations and interests in volunteer missions service. It seeks avenues of service through the Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

Mississippians participating in the meeting included Don Blasingame and Mary Futrell of Mississippi State University; Gene Triggs, Yazoo City; Heyward Washburn, Tupelo; Billy Beckett, Corinth; Dick Stafford, Greenwood; James Smith, Hollandale; Bill Bryan, Jackson; and Larry

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## Murphy Creek (Winston) dedicates buildings

Murphy Creek Church, Winston County, held a dedication service on May 3 at 2 p.m. for its new sanctuary and two-story education building.

Jerry Stevens, Winston County director of missions, one of the speakers, expressed appreciation for the church's accomplishments. Grady Crowell, director of missions, Clarke County, delivered the dedication message. (He was ordained at Murphy Creek, his home church.)

The church held its first meeting in the new building earlier this year, on Feb. 8.

Murphy Creek Church was organized in 1879 under leadership of W. T.

(Tom) Carroll. In 1880, the church presented a letter petitioning for membership in the Winston County Association.

Arnold Davis, pastor, says that when he came to Murphy Creek as pastor in December 1970, one of the older members said that his dream was to see a new place of worship. The church building was one which had been completed in 1944.

"Over the past 17 years, much prayer and many hours of labor and planning have been put into the 'dream come true' for many of the people who have been a part of Murphy Creek Church," he said.

In the beginning of 1986, plans were ready and decisions had been made to begin construction of two new buildings, a sanctuary and a two-story education building.

While pastor Davis was gone to Seoul, Korea, on a church planting crusade the end of May and beginning of June, 1986, the old building was torn down under the supervision of Billy Strait, deacon, with help from many of the members.

Oswalt Construction Company began construction the second week in June, 1986. Construction was finished by the first week in January, 1987.



## Nurses send journals to Gaza

Nurses from Mississippi load nursing journals into a van during the joint meeting of the National Baptist Medical-Dental and Nursing Fellowship in Richmond, Va., last fall. The nurses, members of the Mississippi chapter of the Baptist Nursing Fellowship, brought the bound volumes to Richmond to be taken to Gaza School of Nursing. The chapter has chosen this ongoing project as a means of showing their love of and support for medical missions.

Four BNF officers, Baptist Nursing Fellowship of Mississippi, are pictured.

From left they are Pat White, president, Clinton; Marion Fosberg, vice-president, Jackson; Mary Holyfield, resource development chairperson, Jackson; Regina Gunter, service chairperson, Lucedale.

Mary Holyfield, chairperson, responsible for keeping the project moving, requests that anyone who wishes to contribute nursing journals, 1986-87, please contact her at 968-1712.

The Mississippi chapter of the BNF was begun in January 1986. The organization now has two area chapters, Carrollton and the greater Jackson area, and a membership of 83. The next activity will be a state BNF Retreat on Oct. 16-17 at Camp Garaywa.

BNF seeks to provide nurses and nursing students with opportunities for worship, witnessing, and ministering through professional association. For information on BNF membership please contact, Mrs. Ashley McCaleb, WMU, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

## Islamic prisoners lose free exercise challenge

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Supreme Court ruled June 9 that prison officials are not obligated under the U.S. Constitution to allow Islamic prisoners the right to attend weekly services required by their faith if the officials can demonstrate such denial is "reasonable."

In a 5-4 decision announced by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, the high court ruled against two inmates in New Jersey's Leesburg State Prison — one of whom has died since the pair challenged prison policy — who sought to attend Jumu'ah, a Muslim congregational service held every Friday afternoon.

Although an Islamic chaplain in the Leesburg prison is provided by the

state and various other accommodations to Muslim prisoners' religious needs are available, attendance at the weekly service may be restricted in the larger security interests of the facility, the court held.

Overruling the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Rehnquist — joined by Justices Byron R. White, Lewis F. Powell Jr., Sandra Day O'Connor, and Antonin Scalia — held that prison officials have no constitutional obligation to provide prisoners the more stringent protection owed other citizens. The prisoners had claimed the right to attend the services under the free exercise of religion clause of the First Amendment.

## — Missionary News —

Fredrick and Deborah Davis, missionaries to Japan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 83 Ohnishi Terrace, Kitanakagusuku-son, Okinawa 901-23, Japan). A native of Florida, he was born in Marianna. The former Deborah Rush, she was born in Laurel, and grew up in Tallahassee, Fla.

Steve and Minnie Hicks, Baptist representatives to Mexico, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 506 Jeff Davis Ave. at 5th, Long Beach, Miss. 39560). He is a native of Madisonville, La., and she is the former Minnie Greer of Poplarville.

Ruth and Kenneth Bailey, missionaries to Bolivia, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco de Dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). He is a native of Vardaman, Miss., and she is the former Ruth Holder of Houston, Miss.

Paul and Betty Roaten, missionaries to Uruguay, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 208 W. College, Brownsville, Tenn. 38012). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Tupelo and grew up in Houlika. She is the former Betty Marbury of Brownsville, Tenn.

Dot Emmons, missionary to Tanzania, reports a change of address (P. O. Box 1240, Moshi, Tanzania). A native of Mississippi, she was born in Lake.

Joy Neal, missionary to Transkei, reports a change of furlough address: 5024 Doyle, Fort Worth, Texas 76117. She was born in Meridian, and grew up in Beaumont, Texas.

Friendship will not stand the strain of very much good advice for very long. (Robert Lynd)

## Billy Graham association announces major changes

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — Two long-time associates of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) retired June 1. George M. Wilson, 73, retired as executive vice president, and Walter H. Smyth retired as vice president, International Ministries.

Both men were asked to continue as consultants for future projects. Wilson

will remain on the board of BGEA and continue as president of World Wide Publications, a BGEA affiliate.

Graham said his ministry plans expanded ministry in the future, led by vigorous, young leadership. John R. Corts, an associate of Billy Graham since 1964, has been appointed as Vice President.

## Board plans higher visibility for ethnics in literature

NASHVILLE (BP) — As part of a commitment to higher visibility of illustrations and photographs of ethnic people in its publications, the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will add artists for Spanish and Asian language publications.

The two new artists will be responsible, along with editorial staffs, for planning and designing publications, establishing cost estimates and developing product models, said Doris Adams, supervisor of the special ministries art section.

The artists should be able to understand the languages they will deal with, Adams explained. "We need ex-

perienced artists who know the culture."

The increased need for illustrations of language-culture groups has developed with the expansion of language materials. The board now produces one Korean and 10 Spanish periodicals. American Indian and Chinese periodicals are to be added in 1988, with French and Vietnamese periodicals to be added in 1989.

A goal of three million language and black church members has been set for the year 2000. Combined language and black Southern Baptist church membership currently is about 600,000.





## CPAs audit the audits of convention agencies

These men are working with Earl Kelly (second from right) to audit for Mississippi Baptists. These three Certified Public Accountants yearly spend a full day each looking over the audits and financial statements of all the Mississippi Baptist Convention agencies. They give a written report to Kelly, executive director of the convention board, setting forth recommendations and observations.

The CPAs have found nothing in the way of irregularities or improprieties, but generally opt for more disclosive reporting procedures.

The group from left, consists of Alvin Word, retired, was partner in

Demiller, Denny, and Word and Company; Emmitt J. Haddox with Hagaman, Roper, Haddox, and Reid; Kelly; and Larry Easley, with Peat, Marwick and Mitchell. Word is a member of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and Haddox and Easley are members of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. The three volunteer their time to the informal audit of audits.

"We've tried to pattern our financial accountability after the better business community," said Kelly, who instituted the process in 1981.

"We do business in the daylight," said Word.

## Churches adopt expanded annuity plan of 1988

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan of 1988 since those reported in the June 4 issue of the Baptist Record.

Attala: Second Baptist, McCool; Calhoun: Baileyville; Clarke; Elim; Hinds-Madison: Damascus, West Jackson; Lamar: Immanuel; Lauderdale: Arkadelphia, FBC Collinsville, Mount Horeb, Oak Grove; Leake: Pearl Hill; Lee: Bissell, FBC Shannon; Mississippi: Woodville; Noxubee: Brooksville; Panola: Good Hope; Perry: FBC New Augusta; Rankin: Briar Hill, Walker Hill; Union County: Macedonia; Wayne: Calvary, FBC State Line; and Winston: Liberty.

## First, Holly Springs, will celebrate 150th

First Church, Holly Springs, will celebrate sesquicentennial, June 21. Tommy Tutor, Clarksdale, will teach adult Sunday School lesson at 10 a.m. in sanctuary. The morning message will be brought by Earl Kelly, executive director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, 11 a.m. During the service, Mrs. Joy Brown Weiner, concert master of Memphis Symphony, will present violin solo.

After lunch served by the church, the program will include, Edward L. Byrd, Florence, S.C. and Howard Aultman, Columbia. Former staff members will be recognized and program of music will be presented.

Those planning to attend, please notify the church. Donnie Stewart is pastor.

## Devotional The other Jesus

By Davis R. Odom

We live in a time when Jesus, and who he is, has become distorted by a society drunk on religion. To some the Jesus they worship is like a spiritual bellboy, he is a "confess it and possess it, "name and claim it," "health and wealth Jesus."



Odom

These feel that the whole gospel is that Jesus came to make us rich and healthy. They are more interested in getting their will done in heaven than God's will done on earth.

The Jesus of Southern Baptists seems to be, not by creed, but by actions, a Jesus who understands that we are too busy to read the Bible, too shy to witness, and too involved in civic clubs to attend meetings at the church. He also seems to understand when we promote our children more in athletics, band, and secular activities than in Bible study, choir, or youth and children's programs at the church.

We have counterfeited the world's music. We have our own Christian superstars and soap operas. We have ball teams, bowling alleys, gyms, and softball teams. We are computerized and we hire consultants to raise money rather than pray.

People desperately need to see the real Jesus, the other Jesus who isn't being preached. The Jesus who poured out his soul even unto death. The Jesus who wasn't a property owner or a speculator in stocks or real estate and annuities. A Jesus who stated openly that unless you "deny yourself and take up your cross daily," you can't be his disciple. What Jesus do you worship? Is he Lord, or at your beck and call? Is he an addendum or is he the center of your life? We need to respond to the other Jesus, the Jesus of the word of God. "We would see Jesus": Please read John 6:60-66.

Davis R. Odom is pastor, Crossgates Church, Brandon.

## Off the Record

The tycoon landed on the roof of a Florida hotel with "his" and "her" helicopters. It took eleven bellboys to unload his baggage, which included sleds, skis, and six Alaskan huskies.

"I beg your pardon, your excellency," said the startled room clerk, "are

you sure you landed in the right place? This is Florida. We never have snow here."

"Young man," said the gentleman of means, "the snow is coming with the rest of my luggage in the next plane."

## Texas Baptist men assist West Texas tornado victims

By Ken Camp

DALLAS (BP) — Texas Baptist volunteers continue to assist in cleanup and repairs following the tornado that virtually leveled the West Texas town of Saragosa on May 22, killing 29 people and injuring 121.

Of the 107 houses in the community, 60 were destroyed completely by the storm. The remaining 47 sustained varying degrees of damage but were considered habitable.

Texas Baptist men will coordinate volunteers and materials for rebuilding, said Bob Dixon, director of the emergency task force for Texas Baptist disaster relief.

Bob Gilley of Lake Palestine Baptist Church near Flint, Texas, has been put in charge of a lumber yard at the disaster site and is responsible for the distribution of building materials. Repair work on homes that can be made liveable is being done prior to any new construction of destroyed homes.

The Texas Baptist Child Care Task

Force, directed by Chris Shelby of Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Irving, Texas, was set up in Balmorhea for five days. An average of 28 children were cared for each day.

Ken Camp writes for Texas Baptists.

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# SCRAPBOOK

## What are fathers?

He can be two hundred in a bundle of weight,  
The one who meets you with a smile at the gate.  
He kindles the fire when the flame grows dim;  
We might often be cold were it not for him.

He is tiller of the soil, the sower of seed  
For many of the hungry mouths to feed.  
He ranks in age from about twenty-three,  
A soldier of our nation, the land of the free.

His load grows heavy; he gets weary and sad;  
Though he cheers his loved ones to make them glad.  
He's a great provider, a sport, and a saint;  
He can work a miracle when he sees we can't.

He can shoot an arrow into the sky,  
Or put one together and make a kite fly.  
He will help fight a battle or help make peace  
With his little ones whose bickerings never cease.

He's a giant at work and a lamb at play,  
With a three-year-old who demands his own way.  
What is a father, you ask of me?  
He's a miracle at everything. He has to be!

—Velma Windham  
Taylorsville



## My papa was a Christian man



My papa was a Christian man.  
He read his Bible every day  
Again and again and again.  
My papa knelt and prayed  
At the family altar at night  
Just before we all went to bed.

At the family altar my papa  
Knelt and prayed aloud  
While we all prayed silently, and  
At night my papa knelt beside his bed  
And he prayed again.

At four o'clock in the morning  
When my papa woke up, he knelt  
Beside his bed and prayed again  
Before he went to work.  
Yes, my papa was a Christian man.

From time I was a little girl  
Until the time I was grown  
These family altars went on  
Every night in our dear old home.  
My brother would read the Bible  
And we all would kneel  
And pray silently  
While papa knelt and prayed out loud  
Thanking God for the blessings and  
All the things God had given us  
And for God's wonderful care.  
Yes, my papa was a Christian man.

—Mamie Stanley Smith  
Brookhaven

## Read

I read your heart today,  
Touched valleys deep  
And deserts wide;

Listened to storm-trees sway,  
Felt swirling deeps,  
Heard rain that cried.

Beheld a wounded song  
Inviting all  
Who need, to share

This broken heart — so strong!  
And then I saw  
His presence there.

—Erma Jewel Crowe  
Greenville

## "Jesus is a friend"

I was sitting on the couch reading my Bible and watching for the mailman. I was feeling very depressed that day and was crying before the Lord. The words to the song, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," came floating through my mind. I thought about them for a few minutes and then asked, "God, is Jesus really my friend?"

The mailman finally ran. As I was walking across the street to the mailbox, my toe kicked up an object semi-buried in the dirt. I picked it up and could tell it was a magnet, the kind one would put on a refrigerator.

After the mud was wiped off, I bent closer, to read the words, "Jesus is a friend."

—Linda S. Leach  
Greenville

# Laymen challenged: 'explore creativity'

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Cox, Vicksburg.

In a challenge to explore their creativity, Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood Commission first vice president, told participants the creativity they use in their secular occupations is seldom called upon or utilized in religious service.

"Too often the places we worship on Sunday are the least-creative places in our society," said Godfrey. "Everything is always the same... it's predictable.

"There are too many of us with blinders on," he continued. "We're so concerned with getting to church on time we fail to see the people that are hurting around us. How long has it been since someone has been healed because of our commitment to our faith?"

Council members heard reports on plans and completed projects from fellowship representatives in the

areas of construction, business, church renewal, lay witness-evangelism, health care, veterinary medicine, music and the performing arts, and agriculture.

Each of these areas of interest has a national fellowship that operates under the umbrella of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men. State fellowships also exist in a number of Baptist state conventions.

In separate administrative actions, the council elected three leaders.

Justus Anderson, missions professor at Southwestern Seminary, was elected as a seminary representative to the general council.

Ted Evans of Canton, N.C., a Missions Service Corps volunteer with the Home Mission Board, will coordinate the National Fellowship of Baptist Musicians and Performing Artists.

Jim McKinnon, a businessman from Albuquerque, N.M., will coordinate the National Fellowship of Baptist Businessmen.

## Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

## My daddy

When I read about someone who had an unhappy childhood or hear a report of an abused child, I realize again how fortunate I was to grow up in a home where I felt secure in the love of Christian parents.

Though I have not seen him on Father's Day for 16 years (he died August 1, 1971), hardly a day has passed since then that I have not thought about and missed my loving, understanding daddy.

In my opinion, there was nothing in the world Daddy couldn't fix, from broken-down bicycle to broken heart. One rainy night when Mama, Daddy, Betty, and I were on the way home from shopping in the Valley, our 1933 Ford coughed and stopped dead, on the road near Abernathy's Store. Fuel pump trouble again. While the rest of us waited at the store, Daddy tied a string around a little glass pill bottle, lowered it into the gas tank, poured gas into something — I guess the carburetor — and cranked the car.

Not only was he a mechanic. He was a landscape artist, an electrician, a plumber, a farmer, a carpenter who built me bathroom cabinets and bookcases and a bird house. He was a gardener who sold vegetables at a curb market. He was left-handed, and I can see him now in my mind's eye, cutting corn off the cob for the freezer. (His first grade teacher had made him learn to write with his right hand. Though he was a forgiving person, I

don't think he ever forgave her for that.)

He was a teaser, with a mischievous twinkle in his eye.

He was a painter after he retired from farming, and painted the high-ceilinged County Line Church while Mama held the ladder. He was a school teacher, briefly, and a Sunday School teacher a long time. He taught me how to count, and how to milk a cow, and how to drive a car. He taught me that the more lemons life hands you, the more lemonade you can make, and that you can sweeten it with laughter. He taught me to read the Bible.

He was a deacon and sometimes he was a doctor. When I cut my leg, and the bandage stuck to it, I'd let nobody take the bandage off but Daddy. He was a school bus driver, who made the concerns of each child on the bus his own.

He was never too tired, after plowing all day or working his shift in the cotton mill, to meet me, coming in on a bus from somewhere in the wee hours of the night.

He was the handsome man who walked down the aisle with me on my wedding day and left me at the altar with W.D. and went back to sit with Mama.

He was an example. Betty and I often recall the many times that we saw Jesus in our gentle daddy. I thank God for giving me such a father as he.

## John J. Hurt undergoes surgery

DALLAS (BP) — John J. Hurt, editor emeritus of the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptists' weekly newsjournal, is recuperating in Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas following emergency abdominal surgery June 8 to repair a hemorrhaging aneurysm.

He is expected to remain in intensive care for several days and in the hospital for about two weeks.

Hurt, 78, retired in 1977 after 11 years as editor of the Standard. He previously had been editor of the Christian Index, Georgia Baptists' newsjournal, for 19 years.



# Chutes join international journalists' team

By Tim Nicholas



Mike, Katie, and Kristen Chute.

Mike Chute was two hours late for his first date with Kathie Benge. He got lost, he says . . . really. But they made it together into marriage, two kids, and a missions career.

Mike and Kathie Chute are missionary journalists with the Foreign Mission Board assigned to Latin America. They are presently living in Hattiesburg where Mike is working on a Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Southern Mississippi. Kathie, a graduate of William Carey College, has completed another bachelor's degree in journalism at USM.

The road to the mission field was not a direct one for these two career journalists. She grew up in Brookhaven before going to Carey and he went to Oklahoma Baptist University.

They met at the Sunday School Board in 1972 where he was an information specialist and she an advertising copywriter with Broadman Press. Their marriage doomed one of their jobs because relatives can't work there together. She quit to work for a while with Baptist Press, then with United Methodists.

In 1976 Mike went to work for Southwest Missouri Baptist University in Bolivar. Kathie worked for a radio station and then as a copywriter. During their two years in Bolivar, both earned master's degrees from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

In 1978, Mike became managing editor of the Missouri Baptist newspaper, the Word and Way. Kathie was director of communications for the Missouri Division of Community and Economic Development.

When they were engaged, Kathie told him she was looking at a career in missions. "That's fine," he told her, "but I'm not." They didn't discuss it again until Mike went to Taiwan on assignment with the Word and Way.

Mike recalls hearing Jimmy Allen, now head of the Radio and Television Commission, talk about Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC effort to reach the world with the gospel message by the year 2000. Another source of thought was "all those WMU meetings . . . they're pretty inspiring," he says.

Then, in 1981, he went to cover a witness training partnership event between Taiwan and Missouri Baptists. But he found himself "being drawn in to teach the WIN school. A lot of times I put the pen down and worked, too," he says. "This was the first time the Lord began to tell me I ought to be on the mission field."

While in Taiwan, he phoned Kathie to ask how she'd like to go into missions. Though she hadn't mentioned it, since their engagement, she thought the Lord would eventually deal with Mike. Okay, she told him.

At first all Mike could see was going to Taiwan, perhaps teaching in the

missionary kid school there. Conversation with Herb Barrett, a missionary there, convinced him that "the Lord doesn't give you gifts in one field and want you to do something totally different."

But Taiwan needed a journalist. So did eight other places. The Chutes opted for working in South Brazil after seminary training at Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City. They were appointed in September 1982, language school in July 1983 and they were offered the position of international journalist last year. They will work a while in Richmond, then return to Brazil to live in Brasilia.

The Ph.D. will give Mike a chance to teach the nationals more about newspapering and communication itself. Kathie will have to take some of her time with Kristen 3, and Ryan, 7, but she plans to contribute fully as half the journalist team.

Robert O'Brien heads up the team, working out of the FMB in Richmond, and Craig and Melissa Byrd have been appointed for Africa to live in Nairobi. Two others are yet to be chose — one of the Orient, to live in Hong Kong, and one in Europe. Craig Byrd is formerly feature editor of Baptist Press.

The jobs are typical jobs for trained journalists. The kicker is that they must feel a definite call to the mission field. Mike and Kathie Chute fill the bill completely.

## "5,000 in United States reach age 65 every day"

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ly take care of all their needs are living with children who must work. Churches offer care for the senior adults while the children are away.

"The home bound visitation idea can be expanded also, Kerr said. Ministries in the home of senior adults could include shopping, reading, doing chores, and making repairs. Volunteers are needed for this type of ministry.

"We have come to the place where we have focused on the need for ministries with senior adults, Kerr said, "and the convention and the churches look to the Sunday School Board for resources, directions, training, and data."

From the uniform church letters, the Sunday School Board has found that recently one out of every six churches had organized senior adult work. A network of senior adult ministers is beginning to develop and the programming is growing, Kerr noted. All senior adult retreats are full. In one state there are more on the waiting list to attend the retreat there than will be able to attend it.

As a part of the rapidly developing ministry to senior adults, the network of workers will be enlarged.

All Southern Baptist Chautauquas at Ridgecrest and Glorieta and at Green Lake, Wis., are full. In 1987 there will be 11 such Chautauquas. In 1988 there will be 13 including a five-

day and two weeks at Green Lake. There is also a senior adult retreat each year at Grindelwald in Switzerland.

Some senior adults have declared that they don't want to be involved because they don't want to be classified with that age group. "My feeling is that if you don't want to be involved, you don't have to," Kerr declared. He said some churches hide behind this notion, saying their senior adults don't want to have a ministry; "but they ask only two or three people when they come up with this idea," he said.

Some churches say it is too time consuming and costs too much, he noted; "but it really doesn't cost anything, and the senior adults can run their own programs." Sometimes there is a staff person who just picks up on the idea of relating to the senior adults, and sometimes a staff person is assigned to the ministry. "But the senior adults can lead out in the work."

Kerr doesn't know how many churches have staff positions assigned to senior adult work. He believes that the figure would be from 200 to 300. Many of the senior adult workers are retired people, he said.

Kerr said he is hoping and feels that there is a strong possibility that a model for senior adult work is beginning to emerge. This would be a comprehensive ministry integrated into

all programs of the church. The senior adult work would find itself structured into and coordinated with the total church program. All areas would have provisions for senior adult activity. In other words there would be provisions for senior adults in music, in libraries, in education and training programs, in recreation, in meals, and so forth.

This would smooth out relationships between ministries, he said; but more professional training in senior adult work would be needed. The seminaries would need to have emphases on senior adult work. In many cases pastors don't understand the aging and are not comfortable with the aging, he said. In many instances they don't want to admit their own aging, he added.

Kerr paid tribute to his native state for its senior adult work. "Mississippi has a strong senior adult program," he said. He noted the effect of the leadership offered by Kermit King, former Mississippi Church Training director now on Kerr's staff; Clark Hensley, retired Mississippi Christian Action Commission's executive director now the senior adult consultant for the Church Training Department; Dan Hall, Mississippi Church Music Department director; and Ethel McKeithen, retired consultant with the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

All three of Mississippi's senior adult retreats for this summer are

full, he pointed out.

"Mississippi is pioneering in senior adult work."

Of the half million new senior adults every year, Kerr said they can look forward to 15 to 18 more years of life. "The challenge is help them find ways

of spending their time in a quality direction," he said.

Kerr had been education director at First Church, Jackson, and was on the Mississippi governor's staff in senior adult work when he went to the Sunday School Board.

## Gulfshore summer conferences

There is still space available in the conferences listed below and time for registration for any one of them.

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July 9-13	I Youth Music
July 13-17	II Youth Music
July 23-25	Music Leadership
July 27-29	I Sunday School Leadership
July 30-Aug. 1	II Sunday School Leadership
August 3-5	III Sunday School Leadership
August 6-8	IV Sunday School Leadership
August 13-17	IX Youth
August 18-22	IV Senior Adult

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Thursday, June 18, 1987

# Names in the News

## Greater Jackson Nursing Fellowship is organized

The Baptist Nursing Fellowship of Greater Jackson was organized in March, 1987. The organizational meeting was held at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, with 20 nurses in attendance.

The purpose of the organization is to provide Christian professional fellowship among nurses and to provide a ministry of the community.

All nurses are invited to attend the next meeting at Northside Church, Clinton, Tuesday, June 23, at 7 p.m. For further information, contact Jennifer Jones, 924-0007 or Tiffanie Webster 992-9368.

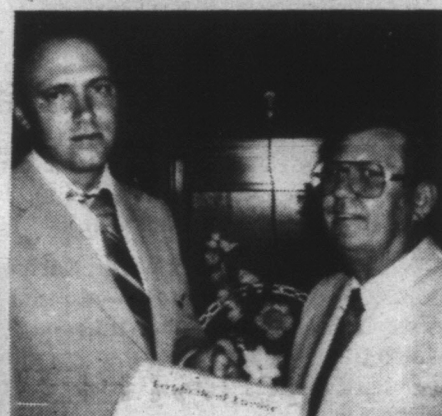
## Senior Adult Corner

The senior adult group "Keenagers" of Trinity Church, Pearl visited the Palestinian Gardens in Lucedale, Saturday, May 23. "Many questions about the Bible were answered during this tour which cannot be answered in a classroom or on a map," says Vera Bain. David Manasco is pastor.



Mantee Church, Mantee, had 11 participants in this year's Bible Drills to go to state finals. Melissa Neal and Robyn Beasley received trophies in recognition of their sixth year as Bible drillers.

Pictured are Scott Griffin, James Lee Carpenter, Emily Harrington, Alesha Ellison, Paige Harrington, Jada Neal, Bart Neal, Melissa Neal, and Anita Harrington. Those who worked with the drillers are, Mrs. Willene Malone, Mrs. Diane Neal, and Mrs. Libby Brand (not pictured). Participants not pictured are, Robyn Beasley and Laura Stone. Terry Williams, pastor.



David Gandy, left, was licensed to the gospel ministry, May 31, by First Church, Potts Camp. Presenting the certificate of license is G. Wiley Gann, pastor of the church. Gandy is married, and has two daughters. He plans to attend Blue Mountain College next semester.

Gandy is available for supply and can be reached at his home at 601-333-7213 or by contacting First Baptist Church in Potts Camp.

Mantee Church, Webster County, honored its pastor, Terry Williams, who recently received his doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. A desk pen set was presented to Williams and a money basket was presented to him and his family.

Williams and his wife, Norrie, have one son, Nathaniel Lee.



Satterwhite

David Satterwhite, director of missions for Leake Association was recently voted to be "Rotarian of the Year" by the Carthage Rotary Club.

Lamar Shirley is the new director of ministries in Union County Association. This is a new position in that association.

## Staff Changes

Berwick Church, Mississippi Association, has called David Leavell as pastor. He is a student at New Orleans Seminary and is commuting to the field on weekends or as needed.

James Wesley Haynes is the new pastor of Pachuta Church. He and his wife, Sandra, have four children, Scarlett Renee, Sonya Lynn, Gabriel Scott and Stefanie Robin.

Mike Burczynski, pastor, Tate Street Church, Corinth, has resigned to become the pastor of Trinity Church in Moscow, Idaho. A native of New York, Burczynski is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. Before going to Tate Street in 1980, he pastored Flat Rock Church, Benton Association and Long View Church, Pontotoc Association.

He and his wife, Claire, have three children. Their present address is P. O. Box 8417, Moscow, Idaho 83843.

Ronnie Cooper is pastor of Antioch Church, Clarke County. He and his wife, Rena, have served that church before.

## Correction

In mentioning the acceptance of the post of minister of music at First Church, Charlotte, N.C. by Joe Joslin, the Baptist Record placed his parents in Batesville. Actually, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Joslin live in Sardis, and the elder Joslin is pastor of the Pharsalia Church in Panola County. Joe Joslin went to the Charlotte position after 11 years in a similar ministry at First Church, De Ridder, La.

## Homecomings

New Hope, Foxworth: June 28; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., roll call of all members, 10:30, dinner on the grounds afterwards; Hiram Campbell, guest speaker; Jubilation quartet singing in evening worship service, 7 p.m.; Bobby Smith, pastor.

Pleasant Grove (Lincoln): June 21; 10 a.m., Sunday School, 11 a.m., morning worship; guest speaker, former pastor, Gerald Aultman; dinner on the grounds; James E. Sanders, pastor.

Susan Field Walker, pianist, will be presented in a graduate recital, Thursday, June 18, 8 p.m., Aven Auditorium, Mississippi College. She will receive her master of music degree from MC in August.

Susan is pianist at Hillcrest Church, Jackson, and was pianist at First Church, Mendenhall for 6 years.

Rick Ralston, Greenwood, was licensed to the gospel ministry September 21, 1986 by Valley Hill Church, Carroll — Montgomery Association. He is Valley Hill's brotherhood director. Ralston is

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## Mississippi Baptist activities

June 21 Father's Day  
June 24 Key Leader Seminar; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (EVAN)



## Just for the Record

Mississippi Singing Churchmen will open the week with a concert at the Church Music Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C., June 20.

Representing Southern Baptist churches across Mississippi, the singing churchmen has 110 active members, most of whom are full-time ministers of music.

Milfred Valentine, chairman of fine arts division at Jones County Junior College, is the director of the churchmen.

Corinth Church, Heidelberg, held Vacation Bible School, June 1-5. Enrollment was 114, with 91 average attendance and one profession of faith. Edd Holloman is pastor.

Slides will be shown June 21, 7 p.m. at Wildwood Church, Clinton, of the "Greater Rio Crusade" held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 13-17. This crusade was a joint effort of Brazilian Baptists, Southern Baptist foreign missionaries on location in Brazil, and various volunteers throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. A brainchild of Wayne Dehoney, the crusade, composed of 68 separate, simultaneous revivals, recorded 3,500 professing faith in Christ and 2,000 other decisions. Commentary will be given by Fred Womack, pastor of Wildwood, and a participating evangelist in the Rio Crusade. A nursery will be provided. For any further questions, call Meralyn Peterson, 922-1429.



Jefferson Davis Association held the fifth annual GA recognition service at Ebenezer Church, May 24. Twelve girls from Ebenezer, Phalti and Society Hill received mission adventure badges.

The theme for the service was "Gifted to Serve; Called to Act." Mrs. Beth Broome, associational GA director, coordinated the program. Ken Stringer, director of missions, presented the charge to the girls. Others on program were Mrs. Mary Stringer, associational WMU director, and Mrs. Debra Dickents, associational Acteen director. Tim Searcy is pastor.

Pictured, left to right, front row, are Mary Nicholson, Beth McQueen, Tricia Magee, Mary Anne Kroner, Ashley Broome, Teri Lynn Lee, Kristi Hatton, Christy Halbert. Second row, Tina Mitchell, Linda Polk, Gina Pierce, and Kathy Magee.



First Church, Aberdeen recently held a GA/Acteens Recognition Service. The theme was "Go, Ye." Pictured front row, left to right, are Shannon Roebuck, badges 3 and 4; Kim Jones, badge 1; Deanna Roberts, badge 3; Shane Hawkins, badge 3; Meg Tubb, badges 1 and 2. Back row, Janice Gosa, badges 3, 4, 5 and 6; Kim Roebuck, badge 3, 4 and 5; Jennifer Roberts queen with a scepter; Joylin Davis, queen with a scepter; Ginger Tubb, badges 1 and 2; Melanie Andrews, badges 5 and 6. Fifty years ago, the first GA Coronation was held at First Church. Ferrell O. Cork, Jr. is pastor.



Coldwater Church, Philadelphia, held a recognition service on May 17 for all past and present GAs. Penny Thaggard was awarded all her badges and her GA charm. Angie Hardin and Stacey Ely were awarded their sixth grade badges.

Pictured, front row, are the first grade GAs, Ashley Vines, Kim Thaggard, and Emily Johnson. Second row, Margaret Peebles, leader, Penny Thaggard, Angie Hardin, Stacey Ely, Jeannie Butler, and Linda Clark, leader.



First Church, Clinton, has broken ground for a new 1,200-seat auditorium. Ropes were attached to a plow and every member attending pulled as the plow was guided by Bill Baker, pastor. From left are Larry Sones, architect with Dean, Dale and Dean of Jackson; Bob Willis, chairman of the church building committee; Baker; Richard Dean, architect; and John Legg, deacon chairman. Mid-State Construction Company of Jackson is the contractor.

### Estimates vary of China churches

HONG KONG (EP) — Estimates of the number of Protestant Christians in China vary widely from less than four million to more than 50 million.

Bishop K. H. Ting, president of the China Christian Council, places the number of baptized Protestants at about four million, which he calls a remarkable increase from an estimated 700,000 in 1949. Ting credits this growth to the development of a spiritual hunger that "cannot be satisfied by a political system."

Others, including Jonathan Chao of the Chinese Church Research Center in Hong Kong, estimate that there are as many as 50 million Protestant Christians in China today.

### Single adult ministry workshop is planned

A single Adult Ministry Workshop is set for June 23, 7-9 p.m. in Columbus.

The workshop will take place at the Golden Triangle Mission Center, 560 Willowbrook Road. Workshop leader will be J. Clark Hensley, single adult consultant, MBCB. Area single adults and their leaders from Calhoun, Chickasaw, Webster, Clay, Oktibbeha, Lowndes, Attala, Winston, and Noxubee Counties are especially invited.

### Revival Dates

First Church, Maben: June 21-26; Joe Tuten, pastor, Calvary Church, Jackson, guest speaker; Ronnie Cottingham, music evangelist; Randle S. Poss, pastor.

Cash (Scott): June 21-26; services, 11 a.m., 7 p.m. daily; dinner on the grounds, Sun. morning; C. C. Ritchie Jr., pastor, Cooke Memorial (Pontotoc) evangelist; Edwin Pope, music director, Cash, music; Jim Pender, pastor.

Woolmarket, Biloxi: June 21-25; Rick Ingle, evangelist; Jerry Swimmer, music evangelist; services, 7 p.m. nightly and noon services Mon.-Thurs. with a meal; M. L. Faler, pastor.

Clear Branch Church, Rankin Association, will hold a Bible conference, June 26-28, 7 p.m. each night and 11 a.m., Sunday. Gray Allison, president, Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, speaker. Arlen Jenkins, pastor.

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# Our goodness is not enough to gain salvation

By Robert M. Hanvey

Romans 2:1, 17-24; 3:9-12, 19-20

The key verse in our lesson today is found in Romans 3:20, "By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin." This particular verse is found in the total focal passage. A beautiful passage of Scripture is ours for consideration this week, and in it we find a great deal of work on behalf of Paul with the Jewish nation just as he wrote in last week's lesson primarily to the Gentiles. In this week's work he writes primarily to the Jews. Paul is offering help for us so that we might understand that persons cannot be made right with God through any kind of human efforts. We need to identify how persons may be seeking to be made right with God through human effort and share with them that this is an impossibility.

Because the Jews were guilty of the same sins as were the Gentiles, the Jews were without excuse before God; too, even as the Jews condemned the Gentiles for the same sins the Jews were performing. Paul said to the Jews that



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they were not to judge anyone else because they did the same things that others do, particularly those whom they were judging. Even though the Jews claimed obedience to the law and allegiance to God, they were not rightly related to God because their deeds did not back up their words.

Perhaps this is the case with many today whose actions are not in accord with their profession or in accord with the words which they speak. We have to be very, very careful in order to share outwardly that which we believe inwardly or to have our actions match the words which we speak. We are not in position, no more than the Jew was, to judge anyone because of his actions, or because of his deeds. God tells us he is the judge and we are to allow him that privilege.

The Jews' failure to keep the law dishonored God just as much as the sins of the Gentiles dishonored God, too. It doesn't make any difference if one is the recipient of the oracles of God if he does not keep them, does not maintain them, does not live by them, he is sinning against Almighty God. This was Paul's case against the Jewish nation. Instead of turning

to God because of the Jews' witness the Gentiles rejected God because of the wrongdoing of the Jews. This in itself tells us about our influence. This in itself tells us that if we are privileged to know God we have to act like we know God.

If we are going to be a stumbling block then we need to re-assess and re-evaluate our lives. The Jews as well as the Gentiles were sinners. God does not show favoritism to anyone, whether Jew or Gentile or whether Greek or barbarian, whether bond or free. There is no favoritism with the Lord God. Each is under his judgment. Each is under his wrath. Each is under his eye of scrutiny. Each is under his all-seeing concern for right and righteousness.

The law does not justify sinners, but brings the knowledge of sin to the mind of one who is reading the law or trying to live by the law. The law itself makes one cognizant of his own personal sin and his need of God. Each of us comes to the moment of truth in our lives when we recognize that we need God. It is the moral law of God that tells us that we need him. Our sin which condemns us under the conviction of the Holy Spirit tell us that we need God.

As we work through this lesson we need to rely on God and not on our own accomplishments in life. Eternal life is a gift through Jesus Christ

and that gift is ours to share with someone else. We need to be challenged by this lesson in order to recognize that any human efforts expended in behalf of trying to be righteous and those which will not be accepted by God. We are totally and completely dependent upon God.

We need to recognize that we do not condemn others for their wrongs, but that we come face to face with the truth as do they about self and about righteousness and judgment. There are many who may be struggling with the meaning of gospel today and who would want to increase their understanding through the study of this lesson. God does not show favoritism to anyone. His righteousness is open to all, Jew and Gentile alike.

This lesson can challenge adults whose lives do not back up their professions. We are always cognizant of our influence with others, and we need to be aware even today about those with whom we come in contact; what we say and what we do with respect to living before them. Our personal goodness is not enough to gain salvation. Our works are not enough to gain salvation. Salvation comes by faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior.

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## "By grace you have been saved through faith . . . not works"

By Nathan L. Barber

Acts 15:1, 2; 4-11

Arriving back in Antioch after the first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas gathered the church together and reported all the things that God had done with them. By far the most important matter reported to the church concerned how God had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles (14:27).



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God had opened a door of faith! Great strides of evangelizing and congregationalizing would most certainly be made now! But wait . . . who is that coming? It's some men from Judea, and they are teaching the brethren that, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved" (15:1). God's Bold Mission Thrust and his open door must wait, at least for awhile. The reason for the delay and, perhaps, a lost opportunity? Some Christians were demanding that everyone else say things in the way they

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prescribed and do things in the manner they wanted it done.

Paul and Barnabas could not and would not accept the idea that salvation could come to Jew or Gentile by good works or religious ritual. There was no one better suited to debate the false teachers from Judea than Paul. Paul was himself a Pharisee and he was completely aware that his salvation was based on nothing but the Grace of God. In the course of the debate that was taking place at Antioch, it was " . . . determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them, should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue" (15:2).

"Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren" (15:3).

Upon arriving in Jerusalem Paul and Barnabas and the others with them were received by the church, the apostles, and the elders. The

group from Antioch then reported all that God had done with them and how God had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles (15:4; 14:27).

The report, however, did not bring joy to all the brethren in Jerusalem as it had in Phoenicia, Samaria, and Antioch. Certain Christian Pharisees argued that, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses" (15:5). The problem then was quite clear: did Gentiles have to become Jews first in order to be saved or was salvation available to all people by God's love and mercy and grace?

After there had been much debate concerning this important issue, Peter stood up to make a statement to the assembled brethren. He was an imposing figure, and the group listened to his words. Peter reminded them of his vision and ministry-changing experience in the home of the Gentile named Cornelius. He charged them with the fact that it was God who had directed him to that marvelous encounter and that he was himself a witness to the Holy Spirit being poured out on those Gentiles in the same way as the Holy Spirit had been poured out on

them in Jerusalem at Pentecost.

Peter recounted for the church leaders the clear evidence that God had made no distinction between Jew and the Gentiles, cleansing their hearts by faith (15:9). "But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are" (15:11). The message of Peter was unmistakable . . . Christians should not attempt to add anything to God's way of salvation.

Through the centuries men and institutions have often succumbed to the temptation to substitute their way of salvation for God's way. How disturbing it is that some Christians in all ages have been guilty of attempting to withhold from certain groups or individuals what God freely gives anyway. God's plan has always been to save those who trust his grace for salvation. Perhaps Paul stated for the Jerusalem Council what he later wrote to the church at Ephesus, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

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## Psalms 127, 133, 139 — songs of celebration and joy

By Charles Wesley

Psalms 127:1-4; 133:1-3; 139:1-12

Each year between Mother's Day and Father's Day we observe in our churches Christian Home Emphasis. This emphasis provides



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an opportunity for us to reflect upon God's will for family life. No area of life today needs revival more than family life. The strength of a nation can be evaluated by assessing the strength of family life in the nation. Furthermore, our church families are no stronger than the family units that are in the church. The strengthening of families will occur when families return to the guidelines established by God. After all, who knows more about building a Christian home than the One who created the home?

Even though this week's lesson instructs us on the importance of dependence upon God and the awareness of God's presence, we can discover principles that will help us strengthen our families. Each of the three psalms to be

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studied provides a general principle that can be applied specifically to family life.

**The First Principle:** God should be the architect and contractor of our homes (127:1-4). The psalmist uses three illustrations to point out the need for God's participation in every aspect of life. First, the psalmist declares that people labor in vain unless the Lord is building the house. This could refer to a residence or the house of God (temple). Second, the psalmist states that diligent guard-duty is not enough to protect a city. There must be the security that only God can give. Third, the psalmist points out that becoming a workaholic brings no satisfaction. God must also be involved in our careers.

The point is clear. Without God being the architect and contractor of our lives, all of our efforts for satisfaction and meaning in life are in vain. This is no less true for family life. Volumes of books have been written about the family.

Some of these books are based on sound principles, while others are fit only for the garbage can. However, the book we must read concerning family life is the book that has God as the author. By following the principles governing family life in the Bible, God becomes the builder of our homes.

**The Second Principle:** Families should live together in unity (133:1-3). This psalm explains the value of unity among family members. The "brethren" spoken of in the psalm could refer to the members of a single family or to the members of God's family. The psalmist uses two illustrations to describe the value of unity. First, unity is like the "precious ointment" that Moses poured over Aaron's head in anointing him as a priest. Second, unity is like the moisture that runs down from the mountains to refresh dry land. Thus, unity in the family provides for our needs, especially the need of security. When there is family unity, each family member knows there is a place he or she can go for love and encouragement. The reason divorce is so devastating for children and parents alike is that they have lost the security that unity provides.

**The Third Principle:** We should recognize the knowledge and presence of God (139:1-12). In the first six verses of this beautiful Psalm, the psalmist declares the unlimited knowledge of God. God knows our thoughts even before we speak them. Furthermore, God knows every action we take. No aspect of our lives is beyond the concern of God. We can fear the unlimited knowledge of God or we can rejoice that God cares so much that he knows everything about us. Whether we fear God's knowledge or rejoice depends on the way we live. However, we can receive comfort knowing that God knows about every problem our families experience.

Furthermore, the psalmist in verses 7-12 points out that God is always present with us. Not only does God know everything about us, he is also always present with us to give his guidance and protection. Many families have found the strength to handle extreme difficulties because of their awareness of God's knowledge and presence.

Let us use the study of these psalms as a challenge to dedicate our families to God.

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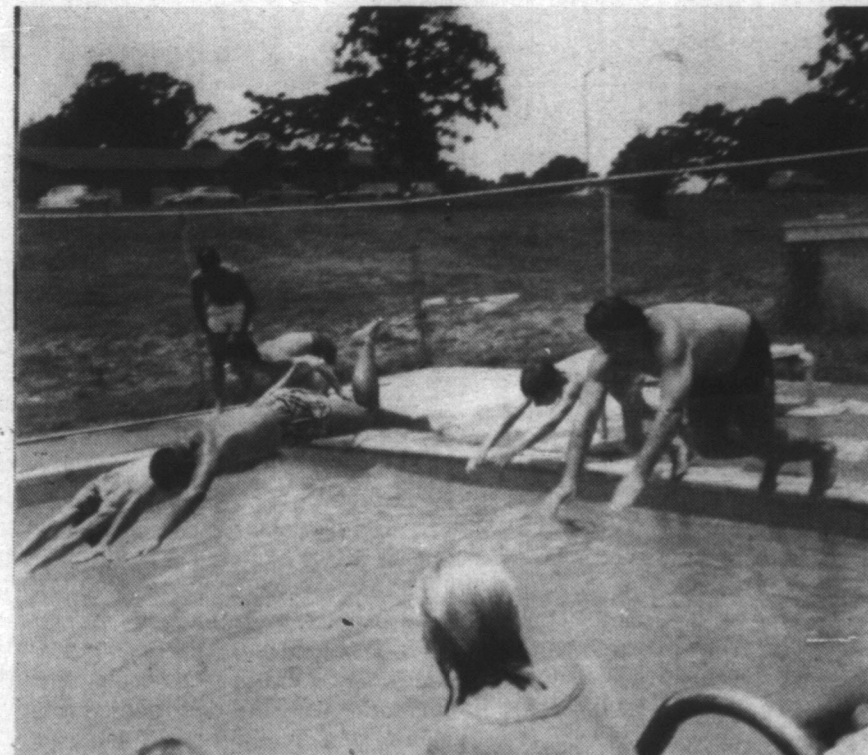
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Lydia Hamby, New Orleans Seminary student, and Mrs. Pauline Corban look over the list of more than 400 books found in the late L. T. Greer's library, recently given to Pearson Church. Mrs. Hamby catalogued the books. Photo by Tammy Calvert.

## Daughter gives father's books to Pearson Church

By Tammy Calvert

The vast array of subjects the books cover explains the nature of the man who collected them. The tattered edges, yellowing pages and frayed bindings are evidence of the many years of loving use and prayerful study.

L. T. Greer, who used the books to prepare for his sermons at Pearson Baptist Church from 1949-1959 and who had referred and would refer to the classics on his shelves many times before his death in 1966, gathered a collection of books any modern-day minister can only gape at.

The collection, more than 400 in all, was recently placed within the church by Greer's daughter, Pauline Corban.

It is fitting that this library so cherished by Greer has come to rest at Pearson, for he and his wife, Eloise, spent many years of Christian service within the church. Mrs. Greer was still an active member until her death just two years ago. Mrs. Corban is carrying on the tradition, as she has served as church organist for more than 17 years.

The books were stored by Mrs. Corban after her mother's death. A renewed interest arose this year when, at the suggestion of another church member, Mrs. Corban decided to place the books in the church. Shelves were built by fellow member Robert Sorey, and the books were catalogued by Lydia Hamby, a student at the New Orleans Seminary.

Some of the books date as far back as 1859. Greer's collection was increased in 1931, when a retired minister gave Greer his volumes. The pastor continued his collection until his death, with several poetry books circa 1960.

College and high-school texts, seminary commentaries, biblical and religious volume sets are also flanked by classic philosophers as well as biographies.

Plato, Milton, St. Augustine, R. G. Lee, Hans Christian Anderson, Matthew Henry and Josephus all line the shelves of the Greer library. Also in-

cluded was a large volume of Strong's Concordance.

Greer was raised on a Jefferson County farm. He answered the ministerial call in 1926 at the age of 26. He married Eloise in 1927, and they moved to New Orleans, where he attended seminary. They later moved back to Mississippi, and while he entered college, their first daughter (Pauline) was born.

The uniqueness of Greer was that he was a stutterer, a handicap he fought with all of his life, but always overcame in the pulpit. "No one ever thought he could (preach)," said Mrs. Corban, "but once he began his ministry, he never did anything else."

Greer went from Jefferson County all the way to Texas, serving as church minister until his return to Mississippi in 1949. Pearson was a small-town church at that time, because Pearl was only then beginning to grow.

"He always considered himself to be a builder rather than an organizer," Mrs. Corban said, "and getting here just as Pearl began its growth, he saw a lot of changes take place."

"Daddy really got into community affairs," she continued. "He would pray with the boys before a football game."

Mrs. Corban was already enrolled at Mississippi College when her family moved to Pearl, but her two brothers and sister — Billy, Butch and Silvia — attended and graduated from Pearl High School.

Mrs. Greer began teaching the five-year-old Sunday School class while her husband was pastor at Pearson, and she continued the job for close to 40 years. "I guess just about every child in Pearl has gone through her class," Mrs. Corban said.

The feature that stood out in her father best, Mrs. Corban quickly relates, was that he loved people. "He spent time with the community, not just members of his church," she said with a smile. "He was the type that would wander into a coffee shop and sit and talk all day."

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## Youth's concern for ill friend evokes call from Dodger manager

By Lonnie Wilkey

NASHVILLE (BP) — A 13-year-old Baptist girl's concern for her terminally ill friend recently brought the courageous youth a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.

Marea Herrington and John Joseph (J.J.) DeMatteo, 14, are best of friends who share many common interests, especially baseball and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Marea is able to play softball, but J.J.'s playing days may be over. Two years ago doctors discovered that J.J., the son of Joe and Pat DeMatteo of Hermitage, Tenn., had a brain tumor. And despite three operations, the tumor recurred, leading to J.J.'s return to Children's Hospital of Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

J.J.'s condition recently caused him to lose his voice and eventually lapse into a deep sleep. After countless prayers and efforts by Vanderbilt physicians, the youngster emerged from the coma-like condition and regained his speech.

Marea, a student at Dupont-Tyler Junior High School, felt compelled to do something special for her friend who had exhibited so much courage

during his fight with cancer.

Before leaving on a vacation trip with her parents, Marea wrote a letter to Dodger Manager Tommy Lasorda in which she told of J.J.'s love for the Dodgers.

She issued a plea to Lasorda to write her friend a letter as soon as he could "because J.J. does not have many days left."

Instead of writing, Lasorda went one step further upon receipt of Marea's handwritten note.

Lasorda called J.J. June 3 and talked with him and his mother. Mrs. DeMatteo said her son's eyes got "very big" when she told him who was on the phone.

His mother said Lasorda told J.J. he was thinking about him and expressed wishes that he get well soon. Lasorda then asked J.J. if there were any Dodger players he would like to speak with.

The Dodger manager then placed ace pitcher Fernando Valenzuela on the phone. The Dodger All-Star chatted briefly with J.J. who then talked to two other Dodgers including pitcher Rich Honeycutt, one of the National League's leading pitchers this season.

Lasorda then came back on the phone, Mrs. DeMatteo said, and told J.J. to "tell everyone who comes to your room Tommy Lasorda loves you and they ought to love you too." He then promised J.J. the Dodgers would win their next game for him, which they did.

Mrs. DeMatteo said Lasorda asked to be kept informed of her son's progress. She confessed to "not being much of a baseball fan" but said she would now root for the Dodgers and especially Lasorda, whom she described as "a marvelous person."

Marea, after returning from vacation and learning about the call, was equally ecstatic: "I didn't think at first my letter would be taken seriously or that it would even be read by Mr. Lasorda. I am so happy for J.J., and I'm glad I at least got to make sure one of his dreams came true."

Marea is the daughter of Richard and Sharon Herrington of Hermitage. Herrington is pastor of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, where the DeMatteos are members.

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## ACTS campaign gets \$644,000

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptists' ACTS television network reached more than half of a local \$1.2 million fund-raising goal during a series of banquets in the Atlanta area in late May.

Pledges and cash gifts received at the four dinners totaled \$644,723, announced Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, which operates ACTS.

Of that amount, \$89,095 is cash that was received at the banquets or during the current fiscal year, which began last Oct. 1, said Richard T. McCartney, RTVC executive vice president. The remainder of the funds are represented in pledges that are to be paid off in three years or less, he added.

The May banquets marked the formal start of a renovated capital development campaign for ACTS in Atlanta, McCartney said. Previous efforts, which involved more RTVC funding support, had cost more to conduct than they raised. For example, the first stage of the Atlanta ACTS campaign cost \$296,000 in fiscal 1985 and fiscal 1986 and netted only \$115,000. Those losses were absorbed by RTVC budgets for those fiscal years.

"We have proposals totaling more than \$400,000 pending before several foundations," Allen said. "One of these is looking with favor at a \$200,000 proposal to fund the ACTS delivery

system for Atlanta area cable companies."

That grant would cover the \$200,000 the Atlanta ACTS board is to receive out of the overall local goal of \$1.2 million, McCartney explained. That amount should finance the local ACTS office as well as the cable delivery system.

The other \$1 million is targeted for needs of the entire ACTS network, including start-up expenses, program production, and equipment, Allen said.

It is part of a \$10 million RTVC/ACTS development campaign authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The Atlanta campaign is expected to cost \$167,000 in staff travel, consultants' fees, the price of the four dinners, and expenses of the campaign office, McCartney said. After these expenses are paid, income from the campaign will be available to meet financial needs of both the ACTS network and the Atlanta ACTS board, he added.

If the goal is surpassed, the local ACTS board will receive 18 percent of the overage, with the balance going to the network, he said.

In addition to the gifts and pledges, the ACTS effort in Atlanta has benefited from a reorganization that has developed alongside the fund-raising efforts, Allen said. Previously, the Atlanta area was home to several ACTS boards that each dealt with

separate cable television systems.

These groups have consolidated into a single Atlanta ACTS board that deals with all of the cable systems.

ACTS also received another boost with the addition of seven new cable systems in the Atlanta area, Allen added. The systems reach 131,000 new households, and they were scheduled to begin carrying ACTS June 1.

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